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stant applications by the housewives of a preparation of the pumice stone, of a pale cream color, of the consistency of whitewash, to the stone floors, walls and ceiling. The granite, pumice and sand, and the fowls are all a part of the abode, usually, at convenience, in the first story, the family sleeping in the apartments above; but such extraordinary care is universally taken by the peasant farmers, that every such apartment I ever chanced to enter was at least as sweet and cleanly as a gentleman's boudoir.

Many of the walls leading from the rear of the court are covered with mosses and vines. Often the old Moorish nora or water-wheel, and, in some cases, a small mill near the abode. Here and there near the home will be found the ancient tread mill of the Bible times on which all the wheat and barley of the island is trod out for flour. The mill is a simple affair, with large wooden gourd, quart old farming implements, or huge sieves with rawhide instead of wire screens, as all the grain is trod out for bulk. Here and there near the home will be found the ancient tread mill of the Bible times on which all the wheat and barley of the island is trod out for flour.

Little Wooden Furniture to Be Seen. Owing to the scarcity of wood upon the island, a wooden interior, with a table and chairs of furniture can be seen. Settles of stone are common. In many farm homes I found stone slabs utilized as tables, and in others the same set securely into the walls of rooms for benches or bedsteads. Windows are few, as the light from the sky through the open courts, and the tiny and infrequent windows a foot square are all sufficient.

Perhaps the most curious objects to be found in these Maltese peasant homes is what may be termed their stoves. The Maltese literally have no firesides. They require no artificial heat, and their stoves are of a kind which is restricted to bread making of wheat and barley meal something of the consistency of a Scotch "bannock," fish which is plentiful and cheap, and certain vegetables, such as cauliflower, and other cured fish or scented bits of bacon for seasoning—done upon a portable stone stove shaped like a jar, and resembling in form a large earthenware jar. The ordinary hand furnace in which his soldering irons are heated. Most of these are of home construction, cut out of any hard block of stone with rude hand tools, and they are not so much as the stoves of the West, but are simple and shapely. They can be carried about, and the housewife can mind her cooking, if she likes, while at any drudgery of house or farm work.

The home and neighborhood life of these folks is not so colorful as that of the Italian and Spanish peasantry. They are docile, industrious, contented, ambitious only to thrive, and with a burning desire amounting often to a passion to be better tenants than their predecessors. They rise and go to bed with the sun. If belated at night no friendly neighborly light will guide the wanderer to a fireside.

Weird Music of the Home. The music of the guitar and mandolin alone would disclose the presence of this folk, and the guitar, which is a simple instrument, has fallen and the stars shine out the husbandman may sit and croon his weird strange chants. The wife sits by him with folded hands and closed eyes, occasionally venturing a minor note. The lads and lassies thrum the stringed instruments. But they are only those there who belong in that one home.

There is no rustic courtship in Malta save of the sheepest sort along the Sabbath and Saints days' lanes as they all repair together for mass at the casual or village church, and the girls, in their simple, old-fashioned dress, with their hair in a bun, and a black cloaklike scarf. The hereditary custom is to cover the face with this. But they do not until after they are wedded. The girls, who are often at 13 and 14 years of age.

There are no curious conditions here proceeding marriage except that the lover must be able to rent a bit of ground and purchase a cow and a pig. The girl, who is often at 13 and 14 years of age, is furnished by the latter animals; and he must solemnly pledge that he will never deprive his betrothed the life of attendance at the festivals of St. Peter and St. Paul, and St. George, which are respectively celebrated at Citta' Vecchia, Valetta and Casal Zeitan. And this is not much to ask by a pretty woman who has to do the housework, and who, on any other occasion, who holds her picturesque household bravely together, and, before she is 40 years of age and often a grandmother, will bear the weight of all the way from a dozen to two-score happy, hopeful progeny.

EDGAR L. WAKEMAN. If you are looking for a good room, read the advts. of rooms to let in the Sunday Dispatch. LATE NEWS IN BRIEF. -Natural gas been turned off from Freeport. -The reports from the Venezuela revolution are very conflicting. -Murder: Deeming was safely landed in the harbor of St. Louis, Mo., yesterday. -The City of Mexico is flooded with counterfeit silver dollars and half dollars. -By the arrest of Annie B. Fisher and her co-defendant, a baby farm has been broken up.

-J. W. Westlake, said to be one of the most expert of living counterfeiters, is under arrest in New York. -The difficult matter of resurveying the boundary line between the United States and Mexico now in progress. -Frank Tessen, the St. Louis man with a bullet in his brain, turns out to be a would-be suicide. He may yet recover. -The first of the cases from Minneapolis for the cargo of the Conemaugh, a boat from the English warships have left Alexandria. -The Mayor of Sydney, N. S. W., has directed that the city should be used as a shelter for unemployed workmen and their families. -The Italian Government promises to send all the Italian soldiers who were captured by the victims of the New Orleans lynching. -The British House of Commons yesterday Mr. Balfour said that it was not likely that the United States would be closed out of the world's markets by the extraordinary measures of precaution for England.

-The Lower House of the Prussian Diet yesterday the Guelph fund bill, which provides for the removal of the sequestration of the property of the late King of Hanover, and allows of the property being turned over to the Duke of Cumberland. -The last remnants of the National Opera Company were scattered to the four winds yesterday. An action sale of the stock of the company, which had been in the hands of the company, was held at the New York Stock Exchange, and brought a price of \$100.00 per share. -The last remnants of the National Opera Company were scattered to the four winds yesterday. An action sale of the stock of the company, which had been in the hands of the company, was held at the New York Stock Exchange, and brought a price of \$100.00 per share.

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